Ministries/Departments on case to case basis from time to time. Upon receipts of such proposals, the newly constituted Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises would be making suitable recommendations in respect of sick CPSEs including for financial reliefs, assistance and the purposes for which such assistance should be used for the consideration of the Government.

Cancellation of appointment of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1802. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since cancelled more than 300 appointment orders issued by the N.D.A. Government for appointment as Principals in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed on the officers concerned for the lapse which has now created a vacuum in the Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) 340 Principals were appointed on deputation basis during the period from 2000-01 to 2003-04. Out of these, 140 Principals were appointed on regular basis later on. 5 posts of such Principals fell vacant on account of repatriations/death/VRS. Since, these regular appointment of Principals were in violation of Recruitment Rules and constitutional provisions *vis-a-vis* persons belonging to reserved/general categories who could not get the opportunity to compete for the post of Principal, appointment of the remaining 135 Principals working on regular basis, was cancelled on 18th November, 2004 and were asked to report to their substantive posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. Besides, out of remaining 200 Principals, 13 Principals sought repatriation on their own and remaining 187 Principals working on deputation were ordered repatriation to their substantive posts/parent departments *vide* KVS's order dated 18th November, 2004.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that Vice-Principal/ Senior Teachers look after the work of the schools in which the posts of Principals are vacant and hence the question of any vacuum in KVs on account of vacancies of Principal does not arise.

Status of Mid-day Meals scheme

1803. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage utilization of funds allocated for Mid-day Meals during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the allocation of funds during the current financial year, State-wise; and

(c) the percentage of children still not covered under this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) During last five years, Central assistance to State under the Mid-day Meals programme was provided mainly in kind—in the form of free foodgrains, payment for which is made directly to Food Corporation of India (FCI). Only subsidy for transport of foodgrains is provided to concerned State/District agencies on re-imbursement basis.

State-wise figures of allocation and offtake of foodgrains, and national-level figures of financial allocation and its percentage utilization for the scheme are given in the enclosed Statements I and II respectively. (*See* below).

(b) State-wise allocation of foodgrains for 2004-05 is given in the enclosed Statement-III (*See* below). In addition, monetary Central assistance will be given under the scheme from this year to meet cooking cost @ Re. 1 per child per school day. States have been requested to submit detailed proposals for determining quantum of Central assistance for this purpose.

(c) All children eligible under the scheme are receiving either cooked meal or foodgrains. States are to provide cooked meal to all children not later than January, 2005.